

Ecole Maillard Middle PAC Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2023

Learning Commons

In attendance: Tristan McCutcheon, Erica Gjaltema, Megan Lockhart, Nadia Serena, Angela Harrison, Carmen Campbell, Kaori Kawamoto, Ida Tam

1. Call to order
2. Welcome to Maillard PAC- PAC President (2 min)
3. Adoption of Minutes and Agenda (2 mins)
4. Principal's Report (15 min)
5. PAC President Report (15 min)
6. DPAC Report (3 min)
7. Treasurer's Report (15 min)
8. New Business (5 min)
9. Adjournment/ Next Meeting (1 min)

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Adoption of October 16, 2023 Minutes, Agenda and AGM Minutes (2 min)

- a. Motion: Motion to accept the minutes and Agenda
Moved by: Nadia, seconded by: Angela
- b. Motion: Approval of the AGM Minutes
Moved By: Kaori, seconded by: Carmen

Principals Report

Student-led conferences are approaching. This is a great time to have dialogue with the teachers.

December winter festivities include a food drive, spirit assembly, and Grade 8's mixed with the staff to play a volleyball game.

Grade 8's are going to camp in April. There will be no phones allowed for the students during this time. There is a dilemma as 80% of the survey sent to parents said that they would participate; however, 50 families have not paid.

-Question: Can PAC supplement funding. Answer: Yes.

A new district initiative for schools is to provide selected families with support. Team leaders are supporting this. 3 x \$300 per family is the goal (with 30 families needing this assistance). Already \$12 000 has been generated by companies. Winter hampers will be distributed to these families. A grant from the Ministry is not included in this amount but will be used.

A lunch program is currently available at Como Lake Middle School.

A pancake breakfast will be done. This will not be hosted by the PAC.

PAC President Report

Cobs Bread is donating bread on Thursday evenings at the Sutterbrook location. This needs to be picked up and brought to the school on Friday morning (into the cafeteria). Two staff members have been doing it but looking for parents to help with this.

DPAC Report

DPAC Meeting on October 25, 2023

-Craig Mah made a presentation (available on the DPAC website) regarding new reporting in Secondary Schools. Reporting has not changed since 1994 but the curriculum changed in 2016. The focus is on proficiency for grades K-9. The Ministry of Education and Universities have done this together and the district is just fine tuning it.

-Chloe Goodison from Naloxhome presented about learning the signs of overdose, where to get Naloxone, the BC poisoned drug supply, harm reduction, and how to keep others safe. This has been a youth-led initiative since 2021 with a team of 50+ that range from 16-25 year olds. Presentations are done at schools in big groups and are aimed at all kids.

A stand-alone session put on by the DPAC was on November 8, 2023, on Competency Based IEP's.

-A presentation was made by Paul McNaughton (available on the DPAC website), and the Zone Coordinators for the District. This focused on competency-based IEP's, rationale, IEP basics, understanding core competencies, supports, assessments and goals.

DPAC Meeting on November 29, 2023

-Nadine Tambellini spoke of school visits done by Assistant Superintendents. Anti-racism District Principal Wendy Yu is collaborating and forming committees (Ms. Esmail is on a committee). Student Leadership Council and Student Voice is being led by Jessica Bell. Administration Leadership Toolbox Sessions are being run. Another topic addressed was the governance of the DPAC.

-Another presentation (also available on the DPAC website) was made by Krista Parr, a registered holistic nutritionist. Her website is www.RoottoFruitNutrition.ca. Her focus was on how food equals fuel and how it is the building blocks of growing bodies.

Treasurers Report

\$804 was the Munch-A-Lunch profit. A&W has interest but not much profit margin.

-Question: Can we have a separate PAC publication? Answer: Yes

-Question: Do we have a Maillard PAC e-mail?

Answer: Yes, but it is used only for the treasurer. We can use sign-up genius which provides more accessibility. A comment was made that emails are not as effective and that maybe social media can be used; Instagram more than Facebook was suggested.

The PAC gave classrooms funds (\$150 per teacher and \$50 per EA) to buy resources for students.

Ideas for assemblies were given. A good speaker was "The White Hatter" which speaks about online safety. A local speaker which is a life coach/motivational speaker was suggested. This would be helpful for decision making and transitions to high school. A leadership/ career fair was mentioned but may be an expensive option. Many people could be brought in, and students would sign up. This would tie in with the curriculum with social/ emotional learning.

\$1500 allocated by PAC for a special event/ year end field trip. Ideas included Spani pool (dependent on opening date), Aquarium, Science World, however transportation is expensive and

teachers do not want public transportation. Another idea was the Otter Co-op Experience in Aldergrove, bowling, a movie, and trampoline park.

-Question: What is parent engagement currently? Answer: The parent community is not very engaged.

New Business

Carmen and Kaori would like a Grade 8 leaving committee formed. The PAC will contribute \$800 to this while the school will also contribute \$800 and cover the pool expenses.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm

Motioned by Nadia, seconded by Megan

Next Meeting will be on February 5, 2024 at 7pm